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SUBJECT: PDFLP DELEGATION DEPARTS MOSCOW

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1. CENTRAL PRESS (DEC 20) CARRIES A BRIEF REPORT OF A DECMEBER  
12-19 VISIT TO MOSCOW BY A PDFLP DELEGATION HEADED BY NAYIF  
HAWATMAH, AND WHICH INCLUDED YASIR ABD RABBU. THE REPORT  
STATES THAT THE DELEGATION HAD BEEN INVITED BY THE SOVIET  
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COMMITTEEE FOR SOLIDARITY WITH AFRO-ASIAN COUNTRIES, BUT IT

MENTIONS THAT TALKS WERE HELD WITH THE INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

2. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, STRESS WAS ON NEED FOR SOVIET-PALESTINIAN COOPERATION AND COORDINATION, AS WELL AS THE UNITY OF EFFORTS OF ARAB GOVERNMENTS TO ESTABLISH A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE BASIS FOR THIS, THE REPORT CONTINUES, IS THE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI FORCES "FROM ALL OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORY" AND THE SATISFACTION OF THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE, INCLUDING THEIR RIGHT TO ESTABLISH THEIR OWN NATIONAL STATE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH DECISIONS OF THE UN.

3. THE PDFLP UNDERScoreD THE "IMPORTANCE" OF THE SOVIET INITIATIVE ON THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, AND "BOTH SIDES" NOTED THE GROWING INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF THE JUST STRUGGLE OF THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE FOR THEIR OWN LEGITIMATE RIGHTS. THE PALESTINIANS ALSO EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION FOR THE SUPPORT GIVEN THEM BY THE SOVIET UNION.

4. COMMENT. WE HAVE RECEIVED VARIOUS REPORTS HERE (REFTELS B AND C) CONCERNING A FOLLOW-ON PALESTINIAN VISIT, BUT THESE HAVE DIFFERED AS TO TIMING AND MEMBERSHIP. WE WERE TOLD BY MFA OFFICIAL (REFTEL A) THAT HAWATMAH HAD BEEN IN MOSCOW WITH ARAFAT, SO HIS QUICK RETURN MAY INDICATE THAT THE PDFLP LEADER WAS BRINGING WORD FROM ARAFAT THAT MOVEMENT OF SOME SORT HAD BEEN MADE ON ONE OR ANOTHER OF THE OUTSTANDING PLO-SOVIET ISSUES. ON THE OTHER HAND, HAWATMAH'S PRESENCE CONCEIVABLY COULD SIMPLY REFLECT INCREASED PLO DIVISIVENESS.

5. THE SUBSTANCE OF THIS LATEST ANNOUNCEMENT IS, IN EFFECT, IDENTICAL WITH THAT OF THE ARAFAT COMMUNIQUE, AND THIS FACT, COUPLED WITH OUR SKEPTICISM THAT HAWATMAH WOULD COME TO MOSCOW ON HIS OWN HOOK TO NEGOTIATE MATTERS OF PLO POLICY, LEADS US TO CONCLUDE THAT THIS LATEST VISIT WAS PROBABLY OCCUPIED WITH CONCRETE ISSUES IN THE WAKE OF THE ARAFAT MISSION, POSSIBLY INCLUDING THE MANNER OF PLO PARTICIPATION AT GENEVA. IN THIS REGARD, HAWATMAH'S DISCUSSIONS COULD CONCEIVABLY HAVE HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE MISSION OF THE JORDANIAN DELEGATION WHICH ARRIVED IN MOSCOW DECEMBER 22.

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